"ILLUSION"

505

Même si Ladybug ne peut plus lui confier de Miraculous, Nino veut continuer à aider la super héroïne et Chat Noir. Nino décide alors de créer à l'école un réseau de Résistance. Première mission de l'organisation secrète : découvrir comment fonctionne le nouveau pouvoir de Papillon en provoquant volontairement une akumatisation. Mais les premiers membres de la résistance, Marinette, Adrien et Alya sont dubitatifs. Ladybug et Chat Noir seraient-ils d'accord avec un tel plan?

Even though Ladybug can no longer entrust him with a Miraculous, Nino wants to keep helping the superhero and Cat Noir. He decides to create a Resistance Network at school. The secret organization's first mission is to figure out how Hawk Moth's new power works by deliberately triggering an akumatization. But the first members of the Resistance, Marinette, Adrien and Alya, are not convinced. Would Ladybug and Cat Noir agree with such a plan?

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1 **TV INSERT - STREET INTERVIEWS AND TV SET - DAY**

STREET INTERVIEWS - Parisians saying what they think:

1 M. RAMIER
I'm absolutely confident! Ladybug and Cat Noir will definitely take back all the Miraculous that Monarch stole!

CUT TO - XY (we see Bob Roth trying to keep a low profile, but he can't help but help his son).

2 XY
Uh... Hawk Moth...
(Bob gestures from the edge of the frame)
No, I know, the villain is Shadow Moth...
(Bob steps in again)
Oh, right, duh! He calls himself "King" now...
(Bob shows him a piece of paper)
Huh? Monarch?!

CUT TO - it's M. DAMOCLES's turn.

3 M. DAMOCLES
Well, when I was re-akumatized, she saved me! But no, she didn't find any Miraculous. I didn't have any on me! But still, I say: Good job, Ladybug!!!

CUT TO - Chloé Bourgeois' scornful pout..

4 CHLOÉ
Ladybug? Utterly ridiculous. She's turned Paris over to supervillains! That would never have happened with Queen Bee!

CUT TO - **TV SET**

5 NADJA CHAMACK
And we're back on the set of "Leading Questions, Off-Beam Answers" with our experts.

Reveal the "experts": Bob Roth, Alec and Mr. Banana.

6 NADJA CHAMACK (CONT'D)
You've heard the people of Paris: Monarch is more powerful than ever, and Ladybug can't seem to regain the Miraculous from him. So, the question on everyone's mind is: are Ladybug and Cat Noir the heroes we need?

Alec brushes away a strand of his long hair and...

7 ALEC
I'm sorry, Nadja, but the media has paralyzed us with fear, when what we need to defeat Monarch is more love and kindness. People need to follow their dreams and have more hope. That way, we wouldn't be feeling all these negative emotions. Come on, with me now: everyone, just loooove one another!

Bob Roth rudely takes the floor holding up a CD...

8 BOB ROTH
If you ask me, there's too much talk about Ladybug and Cat Noir, and not enough about my money... uh...
(showing XY's CD)
... my son's new-- I mean *that wonderful indie artist XY's* new album!

9 NADJA CHAMACK
Thank you for that, Bob! And you, Mr. Banana -- what's your take on all this?

C-U on Mr. Banana:

10 MR. BANANA
Stay peachy!

11 NADIA
Thank you! We'll be back after these messages.

CUT TO **COMMERCIALS** for the Alliance connected rings.

12 GABRIEL
The ties that bind us are precious. Unique.

Zoom out to reveal: this was all inside...

2 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - DAY**

... Adrien's TV screen on in his room. No one's watching. Adrien comes out of the bathroom as Plagg nibbles on Swiss cheese, while playing with an Alliance ring over which Adrien's hologram hovers.

13 HOLOGRAMME ADRIEN
Cancoillotte is a cheese that dissolves fat, keeps your breath fresh and bestows magical powers! Cancoillotte? Why not?

14 ADRIEN
(shocked)
I never said that!

15 PLAGG
Yet you say it with such conviction!

Fascinated, the kwami has the hologram repeat it.

16 HOLOGRAMME ADRIEN
Cancoillotte? Why not?

17 ADRIEN
How does this happen?

18 PLAGG
Since your father digitized you and Lila, you two have become virtual puppets! Thanks to the Alliance ring, anyone can make you say anything. Great, isn't it?

Plagg displays the Holo-Adrien declaiming:

19 HOLOGRAM ADRIEN
Runny Camembert makes your hair beautiful and makes you immortal!

Adrien takes the ring from his paws (without putting it on his finger).

20 ADRIEN
I don't think it's great at all!

Adrien leaves his room, annoyed.

3 **INT. AGRESTE MANSION / HALLWAY / LIVING ROOM - DAY**

Adrien pops up in the hall and calls out Nathalie.

21 ADRIEN
Nathalie, I need to see my father!

22 NATHALIE
Perfect timing; he's actually waiting for you in the kitchen.

Adrien can't believe it. His anger gives way to surprise.

23 ADRIEN
My father's waiting for me... *in the kitchen*?

CUT TO: Nathalie leads him across the deserted living room towards the kitchen from where cheerful music filters through.

24 NATHALIE
I'll be accompanying you to school this afternoon...

But Gabriel's voice, coming from the kitchen, cuts her off...

25 GABRIEL (OFF, CHEERFUL)
No need, Nathalie, I'll go myself!

Her face ice cold, Nathalie turns her heels and walks away, leaving Adrien to enter alone in the kitchen where...

4 **INT. KITCHEN - DAY**

... We discover, together with him, Gabriel in his new white suit protected behind a kitchen apron. Gabriel is busy preparing French toast while listening to music.

26 GABRIEL
How do you like your French toast, Adrien?

Adrien (like the viewer) is perplexed / astonished.

27 ADRIEN
Uh... well toasted, father.

Gabriel turns and gives his son a radiant smile.

28 GABRIEL
Call me Dad.
(*Turning to cook again like it's no big deal*)
Your school's parent-teacher conference is scheduled for today, right?

29 ADRIEN
Yes, father...
(*Gabriel shoots him a friendly look. Adrien corrects himself*)
...I mean Dad!

30 GABRIEL
Perfect! I cleared my schedule to go with you! It's about your future -- it's important!

Adrien (and the viewer!) is shocked: is this really Gabriel Agreste?!

31 ADRIEN
Um... Are you sure you're feeling okay?

Gabriel mechanically massages his forearm.

32 GABRIEL
I've never felt better!
(A beat, then more serious)
You know, Adrien, you and I were a lot closer before... your mother disappeared. Since then, I've spent far too much time working and have allowed too much distance to grow between us.
(MORE)

GABRIEL (CONT'D)
(A beat)
Can you imagine? I couldn't even see that you didn't want to be a model any longer...

Just then, some fat splatters out of the pan and lands on Gabriel's shirt. In an instant, Gabriel's face turns its usual icy and angry. He's about to throw the pan against the wall...

But, seeing that Adrien is watching, he instantly gets a grip and gives a forced smile.

33 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
How do you like your eggs, son?

34 ADRIEN
Soft-boiled, fath— Dad.

Gabriel turns around to prepare the eggs.

35 GABRIEL
Ask Alliance how long they're supposed to cook, will you?

Timidly, Adrien takes the opportunity to try to explain:

36 ADRIEN
Speaking of which... *Dad*... I'm not really comfortable with having my face everywhere on all these rings. That was actually why I no longer wanted to be a model -- to avoid that.

On Adrien looking worried as he apprehends an angry outburst.

37 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Do you... understand?

38 GABRIEL
Of course I understand, son. But that's the point -- it's just an image! It's not you. And since this image frees you from your obligations, we, the Agrestes, are able to spend more time together. But if you'd rather everything went back to the way it was before, just say the word...

Taken aback by this reaction, Adrien looks at the ring in his hand, then at his smiling father.

39 ADRIEN
You're probably right.

Adrien puts the Alliance on his finger. Gabriel, satisfied, comes to ruffle his hair.

40 GABRIEL
You'll see, my son. Alliance will bring us closer.

Gabriel turns on the Adrien hologram on the Alliance ring himself, like a demo.

41 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Alliance, can you please tell us how long it takes to cook soft-boiled eggs?

42 ADRIEN HOLOGRAM
For soft-boiled eggs, cook for three to four minutes.

Gabriel winks at Adrien. They smile at each other. Then Gabriel puts an egg in in a pot of water...

5 **INT. / EXT - SPLIT SCREEN - MARINETTE / ALYA**

Each on their side, Alya and Marinette are getting ready for school while facetiming each other – Marinette's using her phone, Alya's using an Alliance.

Alya quietly says bye to her family and leaves the apartment, watching Marinette on her screen.

43 ALYA (TO ALLIANCE)
Marinette, don't tell me you're late?

Marinette turns the camera on her phone away to hide what she's doing from Alya. In doing so, she spills her breakfast.

44 MARINETTE (OVER PHONE)
Late, me? You're kidding, right?

CUT TO - Alya comes out of her building when Marinette (turning away her phone to hide what she's doing) is just about to shove her stuff in her schoolbag with Tikki helping her.

Walking down the street, Alya looks around before whispering.

45 ALYA (TO ALLIANCE)
I miss not being able to be Rena Rouge to help you!

Marinette leaves the bakery with her schoolbag on her back. In the street, she looks around (nobody's there) and whispers:

46 MARINETTE (ON THE PHONE)
I miss our team of superheroes too. Alya, I need to find a way to get back the Miraculous Monarch stole from me.

Alya thinks, look around – no one.

47 ALYA (TO ALLIANCE)
So we pretty much agree that Monarch now entrusts his akumatized villains with Miraculous, right?

48 MARINETTE (ON THE PHONE)
Apparently, yeah.

Their theories are illustrated by 2D drawings.

49 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Except, when Cat Noir and I de-akumatize them, the villains never have the Miraculous on them!

50 ALYA (TO ALLIANCE)
Hmm, then he must take the jewels right before you defeat them!

51 MARINETTE
But how does he know <u>when</u> I'm about to do that?

Alya stops, she thinks... then:

52 ALYA (TO ALLIANCE)
He doesn't need to know! Before handing out each Miraculous, he touches them with the ball of the Miraculous of the Dog, which brings them back in case of defeat!

END SPLIT SCREEN - the girls arrive outside school. Marinette is right in front of Alya. She puts away her smartphone and now speaks in code so that all the other students around them don't understand.

53 MARINETTE
But then we'd see the "ball" — I'd have noticed.

Nino joins them.

54 NINO
Heeeeeey! Hi guys! What're you jabbin about?

55 MARINETTE
Um... (Clears throat) A new video game!

56 ALYA
A very tough one!

They walk into school...

6 **<u>INT. CLASSROOM - DAY</u>**

Miss Bustier is standing at her desk, facing the classroom.

57 MISS BUSTIER
I would like to remind you that there will be no classes this afternoon, due to the parent-teacher conferences regarding post graduation.

Sitting next to Adrien, Nino leans towards him, whispering.

58 NINO
No question for me here: I'm gonna be a superhero!

Surprised look from Adrien.

59 ADRIEN
I thought Ladybug couldn't hand out Miraculous anymore.

60 NINO
Who's talking about a Miraculous?! That's not the only way you can help Ladybug. Monarch's gonna have to deal with a new enemy, buddy: the Resistance.

On Adrien looking surprised.

61 ADRIEN
There's a Resistance starting up?

62 NINO
Not yet, but you can be my first recruit if you want to. You'd be Comrade Mayo and I'd be Comrade Ketchup.

Adrien's amused, but Nino's serious.

63 NINO (CONT'D)
I already have an idea and a plan for our first mission.
(*He looks around, suspicious*)
But I can't spill the beans here.

7 **EXT. SCHOOL / SCHOOLYARD - DAY**

Classes end. Adrien follows his friends towards the cafeteria. His friends register surprise -- they can't believe it...

64 NINO
Hang on, YOUR old man's ok with you eating in the cafeteria!?

Adrien nods. Behind him, Marinette can't believe her eyes.

65 ALYA
AND he's coming to your conference?

Adrien nods again.

66 NINO
Dude, you sure *he* hasn't been akumatized AGAIN?

Adrien smiles.

8 **INT. SCHOOL / CAFETERIA - DAY**

Adrien sits at a table in the cafeteria. An amused Nino comes to him to guide him...

67 NINO
Oh no, buddy, no waiters at the cafeteria!

...to the self-service counter.

68 NINO (CONT'D)
You get in line and choose what you want!

69 ADRIEN
That's even better!

As he takes one starter, puts it back, hesitates with another... Adrien accidentally triggers his Alliance.

70 ADRIEN HOLOGRAM
What can I do for you Adrien?

With a gesture, Adrien turns off the ring.

71 MARINETTE
Doesn't it feel... weird, you being on all these rings?

72 ADRIEN
Well, it's just my image. And it's allowing me to spend more time with the people I care about, like my father, my friends... you. Now we can see each other outside of school, too!

73 MARINETTE
(Suddenly tensing)
Uh, yeah! I mean, we spend a lot of time at school together as it is already, huh?

Without perceiving Marinette's discomfort, Adrien, focusing on filling his tray, adds:

74 ADRIEN
This is all thanks to you, Marinette. You gave me the courage to face my father!

While Adrien leaves with Nino to sit down, Marinette just stands there, confused. Alya is amused.

75 ALYA
Hey, did I just hear Adrien say he wanted to spend more time with you? Wooooot, that's awesome!

76 MARINETTE
No, it's not! Whenever I'm near Adrien, I can't concentrate! What if I lost my...
(*Checks that no one can hear, whispers*)
...Miraculous because of love-induced lack-of-focus?!

77 ALYA
Don't worry, I'll keep you focused.

Alya leads Marinette to the table where Nino and Adrien are already sitting. As they settle in, Nino looks all mysterious all of a sudden, looks around them as if to check that they're not being watched, then :

78 NINO
Eat like everything’s normal!

On Adrien looking surprised. He was about to start eating, with his knife and fork in the air. He hesitates.

79 ADRIEN
Uh... isn’t everything normal?

80 NINO
This lunch is just a cover, Comrade Mayo.

On Adrien looking perplexed. In doubt, he puts down his knife and fork. On Alya looking puzzled.

81 ALYA
Comrade Mayo?

Nino keeps his very serious / first degree look.

82 NINO
And from now on, you will call me Comrade Ketchup!
(*A beat*)
Right, I summoned you to this secret meeting because--

83 ALYA
You didn't summon us to anything, Nino!

84 NINO
Of course I did, otherwise it wouldn't have been a secret, Comrade Beurre Maître d’Hôtel!

Alya facepalms when she realizes her nickname is "Comrade Beurre Maître d'Hôtel".

Before Alya can react, Chloé - followed by Sabrina, who's holding their two trays as best she can - calls out to the table.

85 CHLOÉ
Adrikins! Come dine with me! I have meals delivered directly from the Palace!

Alya is about to answer sharply but the tactful Adrien replies before she can.

86 ADRIEN
Thanks, Chloé, but I'm already eating with my friends.

87 CHLOÉ
What. Ever! Just remember: "Eat like a loser, be like a loser"!

Chloé walks away regally, followed by Sabrina. As soon as she's gone, Alya leans over to Nino.

88 ALYA
What's up with the sauce names?

89 NINO
What's up is Ladybug and Cat Noir don't have us to help them anymore!

On Alya looking embarrassed.

90 ALYA
Um, um... what do you mean "us"?

91 NINO
Well, us...
(*pointing to Alya, then himself, he whispers*)
You, Rena Rouge, me Carapace!

Alya kicks him under the table. Nino insists.

92 NINO (CONT'D)
Ouch! What's the big deal! We can tell Marinette and Adrien we used to be superheroes!

Marinette's face registers panic as she shoots Alya a distressed look. Adrien doesn't notice anything.

93 NINO (CONT'D)
It's not like we have any Miraculous that Monarch could steal from us! The only ones who need to protect their secret identities are Ladybug and Cat Noir, not us!

Nino adds, sheepish:

94 NINO (CONT'D)
And anyway I already told Adrien about Carapace...

On Alya, Marinette and Adrien looking surprised yet again. Marinette cries out without thinking:

95 MARINETTE
Adrien knew?! Alya, did you know that he knew?

96 ALYA
What? No! I swear I didn't know AT ALL!

She gives Nino another kick under the table.

97 NINO
Ow! Oh, come on, he’s my best bud, I can tell him stuff! You and Marinette tell each other stuff, don’t you?!

Alya and Marinette look sheepish.

MARINETTE
No we don't!

ALYA
No we don't!

Just then Lila comes up with her tray. Seeing Adrien, she calls out to him.

98 LILA
Adrien! Are you eating in the cafeteria? That's great, can I sit with you?

99 MARINETTE
All the seats are taken!

100 ALYA
No they’re not, Marinette!

Marinette spreads out all over the table cartoonishly.

101 NINO
(*Whispers*)
Although technically we *are* in the middle of a "meeting"!

Lila notices Nino's conspiratorial air as he whispers. Adrien takes the matter in his own hands diplomatically.

102 ADRIEN
Maybe tomorrow, Lila, if you don't mind?

103 LILA
Sure, that's fine.

Lila walks away frowning, intrigued. She uses her Alliance ring to snap a discreet picture of Adrien's table, then she goes and sits at a secluded table where she can still be seen using her Alliance ring.

As soon as she's left, the meeting resumes. Nino congratulates Adrien.

104 NINO
Well done, Comrade Mayo. The first meeting of the Resistance can commence.

Using a yoghurt as a prop, Nino explains himself.

105 NINO (CONT'D)
Right, all ears, Peeps. Ladybug and Cat Noir’s problem is that Monarch's stolen the Miraculous and is handing them over to his already akumatized villains. It's like he's sweetening his yoghurt to give it extra flavor. But when Ladybug catches the yoghurt, there's no honey in it. So, the question is: how does Hawk Moth add AND remove the honey from the yoghurt without anyone noticing?

Marinette and Alya share an admiring glance. Nino is on the same track as they were a little earlier.

106 MARINETTE
Exactly! Nobody knows!

107 NINO
Hence my plan...
(*Suspense before the big reveal*)
...We're gonna film an akumatization!

108 ALYA
And how are you, Comrade Ketchup, gonna be in the know when and where this akumatization takes place?

109 NINO
Easy, Comrade Beurre Maître d’Hôtel, I’m gonna make it happen.

The buddies look dismayed.

110 ADRIEN
Isn't that... cruel?

111 ALYA
Totally! To make someone suffer just to discover Monarch's technique? <u>Super</u> cruel!

112 NINO
No, it's not! You forget Ladybug always fixes everything in the end, with her magic ladybugs! And the akumatized victims forget what happened to them!

113 MARINETTE
But you're going to put yourself in danger, and you don't have your superpowers anymore!

114 NINO
Yes, but I have you. My Comrades in the Resistance. And as Comrade Béchamel would say, having friends is like having superpowers!

115 MARINETTE
Who — who is Comrade Béchamel?

116 NINO
It could be you, if you wanted.

Right then, spotting Adrien, a group of fans led by Wayem invade the cafeteria. All of them have Lila's picture on their Alliance.

117 WAYHEM
Adriiiieeeen!!!!! So it was true! He's eating in the cafeteria!!

118 FANS (ALL AT THE SAME TIME)
Adrien! ... A picture! ... Can we do a selfie?! ... I want an autograph!

The supervisor, Mr. Haprele, tries to contain them but there’s just too many of them. Nino gets up.

119 NINO
Comrades, extraction! We're going underground!

Nino, Marinette, Alya and Adrien leave the cafeteria as Lila looks on and gets up to follow them from a distance.

9 **EXT. SCHOOL - SCHOOLYARD. - DAY**

Following Nino, the buddies go to the boiler room in the basement of the school. They don't see that Lila's following them...

10 **INT. BOILER ROOM - DAY**

The boiler room that Nino had turned into his detective's office in *Rocketear* episode has been redecorated with Geological Survey Maps and camouflage nets.

Lila's hiding behind the pipes to spy on them.

120 NINO
The parent-teacher conferences are today. Now, who loses their temper easily? Who falls to pieces and loses their cool over nothing?

121 ALYA
A teacher?

122 NINO
No, come on! A parent! You want proof? Almost all of them have been akumatized at some point!

He points to facial composites of students' parents and their akumatized versions, pinned on a corkboard.

123 NINO (CONT'D)
And today, we have the ideal parent: irritable, touchy, unreasonable...

Nino points to the sketch of Gabriel Agreste / Collector!

124 ADRIEN
My father?!? But Nino, he's changed! He's making an effort! And it's the first time he's coming to school!

Nino shoves his Alliance under Adrien's nose.

125 NINO
Has he changed for real? Or is it just a publicity stunt for his awesome ring?

Noticing Adrien's hurt look, Nino immediately takes it back.

126 NINO (CONT'D)
Sorry, man. I shouldn't have said that.

127 ALYA
Seriously though, Ladybug would never approve of this plan. You're with me on this one (insistant look), right, Marinette?

128 MARINETTE
Well... uh... if it could help her defeat Monarch, maybe Ladybug would agree. After all, Nino's right, she could fix everything afterwards...

129 ALYA
Wait, you're not serious?
(*turning to Adrien*)
Adrien? Are you okay with this?

Adrien looks at his Alliance.

130 ADRIEN
If it can help Ladybug and Cat Noir... why not!

Nino leaps at the opportunity.

131 NINO
The Resistance council approves the plan, three to one!

Alya is dismayed.

Still hiding, Lila has heard everything. She smiles: she's got an idea.

11 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Gabriel Agreste gets to the school under the intrigued looks of the other parents. Before he enters the classroom, Lila intercepts him, whispering.

132 LILA
Sir, there's a student conspiracy to akumatize someone in order to figure out how Monarch is using his new powers.

133 GABRIEL
(Impassive)
And this concerns me how?

134 LILA
You're the target.

Gabriel doesn't show any emotion.

12 **INT. CLASSROOM - DAY**

Sitting in the seats usually occupied by their children, the parents are listening to Miss Bustier.

135 MISS BUSTIER
Today we will look at preparing for your children's future after junior high. But before we get started, I'm missing a file.

Miss Bustier turns to Gabriel.

136 MISS BUSTIER (CONT'D)
Mr. Agreste, after career day, your son should have given you a file in which he had to indicate his wishes for next year. Do you have it?

137 GABRIEL
I do. But now that my son has changed his wishes, I still need to help him figure out what his future will be.

138 MISS BUSTIER
Of course. Please do send me the file as soon as it is completed.

As she talks, Gabriel sees Marinette, Adrien, Nino and Alya observing him through the windows overlooking the corridor and getting ready – not exactly discreetly – for their commando action.

Knock, knock! Marinette enters, with a pizza in her hand.

139 MARINETTE
Miss Bustier, can I just grab my organizer? I left it in my desk!

140 MISS BUSTIER
Yeah, but hurry up and, Marinette, why are you holding a pizza in your hand?

141 MARINETTE
Oh, that... hehe! It's just... I was in the cafeteria when I realized I forgot my organizer!

Arriving near Gabriel, Marinette pretends to stumble, overacting.

142 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Whoa! I am such a klutz! I'm losing my balance!

Marinette smashes her pizza over Gabriel's white suit. Pretending to clean it up, she just spreads the stain even more.

143 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Such an ugly stain! Let me clean it up! Aaah, I'm so stupid, I'm only making it worse! And I bet that's a crazy-expensive suit, too! I can't imagine how sad and desperate this must be making you...

Gabriel just stares at her coldly. In the corridor, Nino is filming with his Alliance.

144 NINO
Gaaaah! He's tough! Phase two, you're up, Comrade Mayo!

Adrien enters the classroom with a plate of spaghetti.

145 MISS BUSTIER
Adrien? Are you coming from the cafeteria too?

146 ADRIEN
Yes. I forgot my schoolbag.

Miss Bustier motions him to come in; Adrien steps forward and, as he gets near his father, he "stumbles" and smears him with spaghetti.

147 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Oh, sorry, Dad! You must be so angry! I'm sorry! I'm so sorry!

But while his son uncomfortably spreads tomato all over his suit, Gabriel remains impassive.

148 NINO
It’s not working! He's resisting! Quick! Phase three, Comrade Beurre Maître d’Hôtel!

149 ALYA
No way, man.

Nino turns to Alya - she's holding a chocolate cake.

150 NINO
Come on! For Ladybug and Cat Noir!

Alya sighs and enters the classroom without even bothering to act.

151 MISS BUSTIER
Alya! You're not going to...

152 ALYA
(*With a sigh*)
Yes, I am.
(*She crushes the cake on Gabriel*)
Ooooh am I clumsy...

A beat. Everybody's looking at Gabriel Agreste. The parents are appalled, the conspirators still hopeful. Will he be akumatized? Nino's filming with his Alliance.

153 NINO
Yes! Yes! Come on! Come on!

But an icy calm Gabriel rises.
The conspirators are surprised and disappointed.

154 GABRIEL
Come on Adrien, we're going home.

155 MARINETTE
Uh... aren't you super annoyed?

156 ADRIEN
Or absolutely furious?

157 ALYA
A bit desperate, at least?

158 GABRIEL
I am. By the level of this school, the behavior of its students, and the lack of dietary quality of the cafeteria.

Gabriel casts an icy glance at Miss Bustier.

159 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
As for your question, Miss Bustier, I already have the answer. As far as his future is concerned, Adrien will never set foot in this school again.

On the desperate faces of Marinette and Alya, who Nino has joined, still filming...

160 NINO
No! He’s going to transform! Hold him back! We need more cream! Ketchup! Mustard!

But Gabriel and Adrien leave the room without any sign of transformation.

161 ALYA
I told you this plan was bad. All we've achieved is getting rid of your BFF. At best, he's the one who's gonna get akumatized.

162 MARINETTE
You see Alya, I'm a curse for Adrien! All this proves is that I'd better stay away from him.

163 ALYA
No! What it proves is that we need to make up for this disaster by apologizing to Mr. Agreste. And on the double, *Comrades*!

Nino and Marinette don't need to be told twice.

13 **EXT. SCHOOL - DAY**

But Gabriel and Adrien's car is already moving away and all the buddies can do is run behind it.

14 **INT. CAR - DAY**

In the car, Adrien tries to parley, but...

164 ADRIEN
Dad, I--

165 GABRIEL
Father.

Adrien doesn't go on, looking sadly at the Alliance ring.

15 **INT. AGRESTE MANSION / HALL - DAY**

Walking stiffly, Gabriel stops in the middle of the hall, his clothes still stained.

166 GABRIEL
Go to your room, Adrien.

16 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

Alone in his study, Gabriel voit l'interphone qui sonne. Il l'actionne et voit Nino, Marinette et Alya. Il ne leur répond pas, et éteint l'interphone. *

Puis il triggers the secret passage that leads him to... *

17 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

... Monarch's lair, where the kwamis, trapped in their cages, see him arrive with apprehension....

167 GABRIEL
Nooroo, dark wings rise!

Gabriel transforms into Monarch. He turns to the techno-magic cage of Trixx and:

168 MONARCH
Trixx, your power is now mine!

The essence of Trixx is absorbed into Monarch's ring. The symbol of illusion appears on the villain's costume....

169 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Mirage!!!

Using the power of the kwami, Monarch creates an illusion...

INSERT in the STUDY where the illusion is formed - creating a perfect double of Gabriel Agreste - manipulated by Monarch.

18 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM / HALL / STUDY - DAY**

Adrien removes his Alliance and puts the ring on his desk. His smartphone and his Alliance ring at the same time. He chooses to answer with his smartphone.

170 MARINETTE
Adrien, we're outside your house.

171 ALYA
Let us talk to your father, we'll explain everything to him and make things right.

Alya's with Marinette and Nino outside the mansion.

172 ADRIEN
That's nice of you, but talking to him now would only make things worse.

Adrien then hears NOISE coming from Gabriel's study.

173 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Wait.

He comes out of his room, still on the phone. O.S., he hears:

174 GABRIEL ILLUSION (O.S.)
Emilie! I tried to change but nothing has changed! I tried to free him from his modeling career but it didn't make him happier! Whatever I do as a father is a failure! I'm not made for this.

Adrien, moved, has arrived behind the half-open door of his father's study where his voice came from.

175 NINO (OFF, TELEPHONE)
Adrien! Dude! A Megakuma!

Adrien looks at the screen of his smartphone. Nino is filming a Megakuma flying towards the mansion.

176 NINO (CONT'D)
The plan is working! Film, Comrade, film!

Adrien hesitates. In the study, he hears...

177 GABRIEL ILLUSION (O.S.)
I'm desperate! There's no way out!

178 NINO (OFF, TELEPHONE)
Go ahead, Comrade Mayo! Otherwise all this will have been for nothing!

Adrien timidly opens the door and films with his smartphone... Gabriel who stiffens as the Megakuma enters his tablet. A beat. Then:

179 GABRIEL ILLUSION
Yes Monarch! I'll do anything to get revenge on my son's friends who pushed me over the edge!

CUT TO the LAIR where Monarch, like a puppeteer, is controlling every word and gesture of his ILLUSION.

MONARCH
I will bring you back Ladybug's and Cat Noir's Miraculous!

GABRIEL ILLUSION (CONT'D)
I will bring you back Ladybug's and Cat Noir's Miraculous!

In the study, **the Gabriel illusion turns into an illusion of Collector.**

180 COLLECTOR ILLUSION
You're going to give me a Miraculous Power to help me with my mission? Oh, thank you, Monarch!

Adrien is filming and observing closely. But nothing visible happens when Collector declaims:

181 COLLECTOR ILLUSION (CONT'D)
I've been given the power of teleportation! Thank you! Thanks to it I'll be able to trap them!

182 NINO (OFF, PHONE)
We got it, Comrade!

183 MARINETTE (OFF, PHONE)
Go and take cover Adrien!

Adrien goes up the stairs to his room.

184 ADRIEN
But I didn't see anything specific.

185 NINO (OFF, PHONE)
Don't worry! We got the video! We'll analyze it while Ladybug and Cat Noir save your dad!

Adrien turns his phone off. He rushes to his room and talks to Plagg.

186 ADRIEN
My father is really furious. Plagg, claws out!

Adrien transforms into Cat Noir.

19 **EXT. AGRESTE MANSION - DAY**

The door of the manor is absorbed into the tablet that Collector throws. Outside, facing Nino, Alya and Marinette he shouts:

187 COLLECTOR ILLUSION
Finally, I'll make nice and *quiet* children out of you! Get ready to join my collection!

188 NINO
Comrades, disperse!

The three friends disperse just in time to avoid Collector's first attack, whose tablet flies back to his hand like a boomerang.

Alya pulls Nino in one direction, allowing Marinette to go...

20 **EXT. ALLEY - DAY**

... hide alone. Tikki pops up.

189 MARINETTE
I hope this won't all have been for nothing. Tikki, spots on!

21 **EXT. AGRESTE MANSION - DAY**

As Collector pursues Alya and Nino, Cat Noir appears and stands in his way, immediately joined by Ladybug.

As Alya pulls him to go and hide, Nino resists.

190 NINO
Careful, he’s got the power of voyage. He'll try to trap you with it.

191 CAT NOIR
Thank you...

192 NINO
(*Proudly*)
Comrade Mayo! At your service Cat Noir, Ladybug!

193 LADYBUG
(*To Nino and Alya*)
Be careful, go hide!

Nino says bye and finally follows Alya.

Cat Noir and Ladybug launch into a series of acrobatics to try and hit Collector, but...

194 COLLECTOR ILLUSION
Voyage!

The Collector (who must never be touched, otherwise our heroes would discover it's an illusion) disappears into a portal.

195 LADYBUG
Monarch gave him the power of the Miraculous of the Horse!

196 CAT NOIR
If Collector's also gotten new apps to play with on his tablet, this isn't going to be easy!

He reappears behind Cat Noir and is about to throw his tablet at him. But Ladybug appears and pushes him aside at the last second.

INSERT - Meanwhile, hidden in the Agrestes' garden with Alya, Nino keeps replaying the images Adrien recorded. Nino analyzes them, focusing, screwing up his eyes.

197 FOOTAGE OF COLLECTOR
I've been given the power of teleportation! ...
I've been given the power of teleportation! ...

BACK to the confrontation between our superheroes and the villain, who constantly opens Voyage portals to avoid their attacks or take them by surprise.

198 CAT NOIR
Watch out!

199 COLLECTOR ILLUSION
You're going to upgrade my collection with your Miraculous!

22 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

200 MONARCH
How many times have you used the power of illusion to fool me, Ladybug and Cat Noir? Well today, it's my turn!

Monarch turns to the kwamis, trapped in their techno-magical cages.

201 MONARCH (CONT'D)
While you chase an illusion, I'll use my new powers to trap you once and for all!

Ruthlessly, Monarch empties the essences of several kwamis into his rings.

202 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Pollen, your power is now mine!
Mullo, your power is now mine!
Kaalki, your power is now mine!

Monarch watches, satisfied, as the icons corresponding to the stolen powers appear on his outfit: Voyage, Venom, Multiplication... He walks past the cages, passing terrified kwamis. He thinks aloud as he "shops around".

203 MONARCH (CONT'D)
The Power of Sublimation! This will allow me to acquire the power of my choosing! Orikko, your power is now mine!

The ring draws energy from the kwami Orikko. Monarch shivers. He barely wavers, and smiles at the kwami.

204 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Ha! I know what you're hoping for, Kwamis! You’re hoping I’ll lose control of my power! But I didn't become Monarch for nothing! I can accumulate up to five Miraculous powers now – it's no longer a hindrance for me!

The kwamis exchange helpless looks.

205 MONARCH (CONT'D)
You'll never see your beloved guardian again! Voyage!

Monarch opens a portal and leaves his lair.

23 **INT. SEWERS - DAY**

He comes out of the portal into the sewer and...

206 MONARCH
Venom!

The Bee's paralyzing top appears in his hand.

207 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Multitude!

Monarch turns into eight small Monarchs, all identical (each with his spinning top). They stand in a circle, ready for the perfect ambush.

208 SMALL MONARCH 1
You might be able to evade one hit or two, but eight? I don't think so. Especially if you don't see them coming. Sublimation!
(wielding the fountain pen as a weapon)
Power of invisibility!

A magical aura appears around the eight little Monarchs, who become invisible.

24 **EXT. AGRESTE MANSION - DAY**

Meanwhile, Ladybug and Cat Noir are still facing Collector, unaware that he's an illusion.

209 CAT NOIR
We'll never catch him!

210 LADYBUG
Lucky Charm!!!

Ladybug gets... a big bag of grated parmesan cheese.

211 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Grated cheese?

212 CAT NOIR
(*Amused*)
Plagg would be happy!

213 LADYBUG
I'll be happy too once I find out what to do with it!

Ladybug and Cat Noir dash towards the Collector.

INSERT in the sewer - a small invisible Monarch says:

214 SMALL INVISIBLE MONARCH
Voyage!

BACK ON - The Collector illusion, still manipulated by Monarch, creates the illusion of a portal under his feet.

215 COLLECTOR ILLUSION
(*Repeating the words of the small Invisible Monarch at the same time*)
Voyage!

As the illusion jumps into his fake portal and disappears, Ladybug and Cat Noir don't notice that a REAL portal (Monarch's) has just opened under their feet. They fall in...

25 **INT. SEWERS - DAY**

... and end up in the sewers, facing Collector (or rather his illusion). Cat Noir is about to attack him when... he gets paralyzed, hit by one of the Invisible Monarchs' venom.

When she sees him freeze, it takes Ladybug a fraction of a second to stand in guard, spinning her yo-yo in shield mode, parrying the spinning tops of several invisible mini Monarchs.

The squeaks of frightened rats attract her attention.

216 LADYBUG
What are you afraid of? There's nothing... (a beat) visible!

Ladybug understands and moves, avoiding further attacks. Looking carefully, she then notices tiny traces on the ground and fine lines in the water, left by the invisible villains that surround her.

Her ladybug vision reveals the immobilized Cat Noir, highlighting him as well as footprints, small rats... and her big bag of Parmesan cheese.

Without wasting a second, she opens the bag and throws grated parmesan cheese everywhere.

217 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Lunchtime!

The light particles of cheese reveal the silhouettes of the invisible mini Monarchs, one of which is already climbing up the frozen Cat Noir's leg to steal his Miraculous.

218 LITTLE MONARCHS
This is the day you lose, Ladybug!
You don't stand a chance alone
against all our powers!

Ladybug smiles.

219 LADYBUG
Who said I was alone? Bon appétit, my dear rats!

Attracted by the Parmesan cheese, a number of rats throw themselves at the mini Monarchs. Overwhelmed by their number, they have to flee.

220 MINI MONARCHS
Aaaaaaaahhhhh!

Once they're away, hidden in the sewers out of sight of Ladybug...

221 LITTLE MONARCHS
Divide!

They become visible again and then merge.
Monarch returns to normal size. The rats flee at once, as Monarch is now too large to be a prey they dare attack.

Monarch continues to manipulate his Collector illusion to prevent Ladybug from pursuing the Mini Monarchs.

MONARCH	COLLECTOR ILLUSION
Ladybug, you can't save me... I wanted to change out of love for my son but I only continued to disappoint him!	Ladybug, you can't save me... I wanted to change out of love for my son but I only continued to disappoint him! *

222 LADYBUG
It's not too late! Anyone can change!

223 COLLECTOR ILLUSION
Is that right?

224 LADYBUG
Let go of your anger! Reject the akuma! I'm sure your son loves you and will forgive you!

In a (completely fake) immense effort of will, the illusion of the Collector rejects the (white) Megakuma illusion and turns back into Gabriel.

225 GABRIEL ILLUSION
Thank you, Ladybug. You have freed me from evil.

Ladybug she sees Gabriel (his illusion) stagger... and fall into the water. (Note: It's the illusion that "falls").

226 LADYBUG
No! Power up!

Now upgraded to Aquabug, she dives to save Gabriel.
But - **INSERT UNDER THE WATER** - she can't see him anywhere.

And for a good reason - Monarch, hiding a little farther, just made the illusion disappear.

227 MONARCH
Reality! Dark wings fall!

CUT - Meanwhile, as a result of Monarch's de-transformation, Cat Noir is freed from paralysis.
He sees Ladybug come out of the water, panicked that she hasn't saved Gabriel...

228 LADYBUG
Cat Noir! I can't find Gabriel Agreste...

Just then, they hear someone COUGHING...

Our heroes rush further down the corridor and are relieved to find Gabriel (the real one) coughing, pretending to have come to the surface on his own.

26 **EXT. AGRESTE MANSION - DAY**

In their hiding place behind the Agreste mansion, Nino and Alya are still watching the video that Adrien recorded. They're focused on the moment before the moment when Collector says:

229 FOOTAGE OF COLLECTOR
I got... I got... I...

Suddenly, Nino shows Alya a kind of magical lightning bolt on the video that seems to fall from the sky and strike the akumatized man.

230 NINO
Look, it's invisible to the naked eye, but if I slow it down to a 25th of a second, you can see it on ONE frame! He uses a magic lightning bolt to send and probably take back the Miraculous! We did it, Comrade Beurre Maître d'Hôtel!

231 ALYA
I'm sorry I doubted you, Comrade Ketchup.

Alya and Nino hug each other.

27 **EXT. PLACE DU CHATELET - DAY**

Ladybug and Cat Noir give Gabriel a Magical Charm.

232 LADYBUG
With the powers that Monarch has, I can't guarantee that a Magical Charm will protect you, but, well, you never know.

233 GABRIEL
Thank you, Ladybug.

Nino and Alya join them. Nino looks contrite.

234 NINO
Mr. Agreste, I owe you an apology. All your troubles today -- the pizza, the pasta, the chocolate, all that was... that was a plan to help Ladybug and Cat Noir!

He suddenly goes from contrition to joy.

235 NINO (CONT'D)
AND IT WORKED, DUDE-- I mean Sir, Ladybug, Cat Noir! Look! Magic lightning! That's how Monarch gives his akumatized villains the powers of the Miraculous!

Nino shows them all the slow-motion footage.

236 LADYBUG
This is a huge step forward, Nino, but you and your friends also took a huge risk - and forced Mr Agreste to take one too.

237 GABRIEL
Don't be too hard, Ladybug. They were only trying to do good. And sometimes, in order to do good, well, anything goes.

238 NINO
Then Adrien can still go to school with us, dude... uh, I mean Mr. Agreste?

239 GABRIEL
Of course he can.

240 NINO
You're so cool, I mean... kind! Thank you.

Nino acts solemn. Trumpets in the background.

241 NINO (CONT'D)
It would be an honor if you would become, Mr. Comrade Tartar Sauce, an honorary member of our Resistance network!

Gabriel agrees to shake the hand that Nino holds out.

242 CAT NOIR
All's well that ends well!

243 LADYBUG
Miraculous Ladybug!

The magic ladybugs fix everything.

28 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - EVENING**

Gabriel finds Adrien in his room.

244 GABRIEL
Adrien! I was so worried! And so sorry for making a public scene. My anger spilled over again but... Ladybug made me realize that despite my failures, I couldn't give up on us...

Adrien, moved, hugs his father tightly.

245 ADRIEN
Father, I think I'd rather not wear an Alliance, do you... do you mind?

246 GABRIEL
Of course I don't. And please call me Dad.

29 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

In his study, Gabriel is in communication with Mrs. Tsurugi, whose holographic projection is in front of him.

247 GABRIEL
I used them to give false information to Ladybug and Cat Noir.

He shows her the footage that Adrien recorded. *

248 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
They'll never make the connection between Monarch's powers and the Alliance...

249 MME TSURUGI
Very well, Gabriel san.

30 **INT. - SCHOOL / BOILER ROOM - DAY**

Nino drags Alya, Marinette and Adrien down to the boiler room.

250 NINO
Our first mission was a huge success, Comrades, but just imagine if there were more of us! A greater variety of sauces means no recipe is impossible!

They get to the level of their HQ, where they find...

251 NINO (CONT'D)
Which is why I present: Comrade Béarnaise (Max), Comrade Burgundy (Kim), Comrade Cocktail (Rose), Agent Grand Veneur (Juleka), Lieutenant Aioli (Ivan) and Comrade Gribiche (Mylene)!

252 MARINETTE
You were right, Comrade Ketchup. Having friends is like having superpowers.

Suddenly, Marinette's face closes up.

253 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
What is *she* doing here?

The ever enthusiastic Nino doesn't realize how bitter Marinette is.

254 NINO
Oh, my bad, I almost forgot to introduce Comrade Sweet and Sour.

Lila comes out of the shadows.

255 LILA
Hello Comrade Béchamel. I know you haven't always seen me as your friend, but now that we're in the Resistance together, the war's behind us, right? Let's make peace.

256 ALYA
Everybody wants to help Ladybug, Marinette.

Urged on by her friends, Marinette has no choice but to accept the hand Lila is holding out.

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